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[1](#)1. (SBU) Canada supports U.S. leadership to make the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) a durable international institution and welcomes the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as an official observer (ref a), according to Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Senior Policy Advisor for Non-Proliferation David MacDuff. He commented that his earlier critique of the GICNT nonetheless remains valid (ref c) and that it continues to be in "serious need of reinvigoration." He confirmed that Canada welcomes UNODC's participation and hopes that this will increase GICNT's effectiveness.

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